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Steps in place to look at Hawk Lake waste

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands has a two-pronged approach to determine the best means to manage waste in the Hawk Lake area.

Municipal staff, in collaboration with Cambium Inc., presented council with a two-phased plan to investigate waste management options. The two areas of focus include re-developing the Hawk Lake Landfill site as a Transfer Station, and to devise options for alternate methods and locations for waste management service delivery.

Township council discussed the plan of action when it met May 4.

Hawk Lake area residents have expressed concern to council about the closure of the area's landfill site. Council asked staff in December 2022 to find options on how to provide waste management services to Hawk Lake area residents.

"We've got some long-term thinking to do there," Deputy Mayor Jennifer Dailloux said.

She suggested the staff and the consultants broaden the context of waste management options identified. That way, the municipality would have a palette of sort from which to draw ideas for other areas in the future.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said Dailloux's idea would need to be a separate contract.

Melissa Murray, the township's environmental manager, agreed.

"That would be a fairly wide scope of work to look at that," Murray said.

The study's first phase will look at options. That in itself will be broad. And then the second phase will consider which of them would

be the best options for the Hawk Lake area from among the field of ideas offered in the first stage.

The municipality would still have other options, the ones not chosen, on its table. That's a more strategic look at waste management strategy.

"It would be nice to have ideas about what innovative things we can do," Danielsen said. "Not only would it expand the scope of the work here, (Dailloux's idea would) add to the cost, and the time within which we would get any kind of responses."

To clarify, Dailloux said she had "a broad contextual paragraph" in mind about waste management systems.

"Just so that we're tying their recommendation to what's going on in the broader world for our own context in moving forward," Dailloux said. "I certainly wouldn't be advocating for additional work to be undertaken."

Danielsen said that broader context that Dailloux referenced will be achieved by way of the multitude of options outlined in Phase 1 of the delivery study.

"I think that part of Phase 1 would include some of that," Murray said. "It still will be within the limited scope, not necessarily looking at things beyond service delivery."

"It wouldn't necessarily be looking at new approaches to (waste) diversion and things like that. Those are things that are on the agenda all the time."

The first phase is expected to cost \$5,810, while Phase 2 is believed to run a \$13,230 tab. Council will set aside 15 per cent as a contingency.

In Phase 1, Cambium will review options

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Time for turtles

In light of turtle season around the corner, the Turtle Guardians hosted a Snapper Handler Workshop May 4. Pictured, Damien Robinson holds a snapping turtle to practice proper handling techniques when helping the creatures cross the road. /ADAM FRISK special to the Times

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County adopts strategy for economic growth

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County has clearer direction toward spurring economic development in the region.

Scott Ovell, the county's director of economic development, presented the final draft of the county's Economic Development Strategy during council's April 26 meeting.

The strategy was developed with the help of Strexer Harrop Consulting Group (SHCG).

"It would basically be our guiding document for this term of council," Ovell said.

County council approved \$30,000 in its 2023 operational budget to support the strategy's action items.

Ovell said that, as noted during budget presentations, any projects being proposed that would be funded from this budget line would first be presented to council for consideration.

SHCG presented a summary of the community engagement findings to council in January and a draft strategy for review and comment in April.

SHCG and county staff received feedback and input and made the requested changes to the document.

"While the county has had tremendous success developing

and marketing tourism, the challenging realities of today's economy call for new directions, ideas and approaches to enhance economic growth, attract investment and ensure that opportunity continues to be a significant part of county's quality of life," Ovell wrote in a staff report to council.

The document lays a foundation for identifying development priorities until 2026. The strategy's implementation will foster a vision for economic development in the county.

It identifies five development avenues: the creation of business by encouraging entrepreneurship; gaps in local products and services can be filled through attracting business; economic sustainability can be achieved with supports for all economic sectors; investment in local workforce development; and the importance of proactive communications.

It helps establish priorities and an action plan with data analysis, public input, and rationale to support recommendations.

Ovell said in his report that the document will be used as a reference for future economic development plans in Haliburton County.

"The 2023-2026 Economic Development Strategy provides a competitive and focused plan to guide the County of Haliburton's economic development over the next four years and how to best diversify the economy," according to the

staff report.

It seems there's still much to be done.

In the coming months, staff will update its 2023 Department Operational Plan to include action items contained within the strategy that will be targeted for implementation this year.

Some tactics within the document are already currently being undertaken by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and will be reflected in the operational plan.

Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, wrote that the document provides a competitive and focused plan that will guide economic development for the county and townships.

"The strategy is a road map towards ensuring economic success across the county and represents ideas brought forward by residents, businesses, and organizations alike who have shared their priorities during the consultation phase of this project," she said.

"The plan speaks to how we can leverage creative partnerships within the private sector as well as with other key stakeholders who are fundamental partners on a journey of fostering prosperity in our communities and the county as a whole."

Having a ball

Haliburton County Youth Basketball is available for kids on Tuesdays in the Archie Stouffer Elementary School gym, and Wednesdays at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym. All are welcome to join. Pictured, coach Andrew Dawson kicks off a game of "Octopus" to warm-up the players before the game in Minden. /TIM YANO special to the Times



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All options considered for AH waste

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for the Hawk Lake Landfill site and alternative service delivery suggestions from township staff. They will research other rural Ontario waste management service delivery models/methods.

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Existing township data will be examined to determine the anticipated volumes of material to be handled, as well as understand how costs have changed since the Hawk Lake site was closed.

This information will aid in evaluating the financial implications of each of the possible operational models. Each possible operation model will be assessed to determine if it would be viable for the Hawk Lake area.

Three to five of the most viable options would be selected and researched in Phase 2.

Research would include determining approval requirements and costs, design and construction costs, operation and maintenance costs, and timelines to implement.

All aspects of the possible operation models will be considered in context of the pending blue box transition. Once the data is compiled, each option will be analyzed to determine strengths and weaknesses, feasibility, costs and benefits, and impacts.

Adding fun to fitness

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

If you are looking for a way to get to know the area, meet new people, and dive into exercise, then the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club may be for you. "We're a social group," LeAnn Cruz, the president of the organization, told the *Times*, "we're all about fun and fitness."

The club was started in 1997, when a group of eight friends got together to explore the Haliburton Highlands. Fast forward 26 years, and there are over 130 members from all over the region. "Everyone is so supportive, so welcoming," said Cruz, in reference to the many members. "We aren't a serious racing club with high speed pace lines and time trials. We're a super friendly group of riders who enjoy cycling."

The Easy Ryders ride on Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday mornings, starting in early May, and wrapping up at the end of October. Cruz mentioned that even during the off-season, there are a dedicated group of riders who still ride indoors, and chat with one another via online apps as a way of keeping the momentum of the social group alive.

While the group explores over 53 different routes around the region, each ride is a little bit different, ranging from 15 km to over 50. "We never get bored," Cruz chuckled, "we are always exploring new routes, all the time."

Cruz noted that on Tuesday rides, the group rents a community centre in whichever community they are exploring that day, and enjoys a potluck lunch together. They also stop at restaurants, coffee shops, and parks along the way, so there are opportunities to explore the areas, and chat with other folks on the ride.

The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling

Club is a not-for-profit, and it costs \$40 for the membership. This amount covers the insurance for the organization, as well as the hall rentals for the social component of the group. This not-for-profit status recently earned the group access to the Local Initiatives Program (LIP) grant from HCDC, which they are using to put towards a new website, and increased social media presence. "We are always looking for new members," said Cruz, "it doesn't matter your riding or fitness ability, we offer different routes for everyone."

Safety is at the forefront for the organization, said Cruz. All riders must wear a helmet for the ride, and if they do not have a helmet, they are unable to join the ride that day. They also all wear high visibility outerwear, don lights and bells to their bikes, and carry a bike safety card with emergency numbers. Cruz said one of the main reasons people join social bike groups is for the added safety. "We have a 'nobody gets left behind' policy," she said, "we always travel in groups, and look out for one another."

On top of the regular tours around the towns, the group also plans a series of get-aways, which all members are welcome to join, including trips to Ganonoque, Ottawa, Gatineau, and Algonquin Park.

As the riders geared up in the parking lot of the Minden Curling Club on May 5 for their second ride of the season, the energy was jovial and welcoming. That morning, a brand new member had joined the group, and they all took turns introducing themselves, and welcoming her to the team.

For a sport that is traditionally designed as a solo activity, the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club has put a new spin on biking; combining fun, fitness, and friendship.

For more information or to join the group, visit www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com.



Haliburton Real Easy Ryders Cycling Club gear up for their second ride of the season on May 6, departing from the Minden Curling Club. The group is always welcoming more members to their organization. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Minden ER update

The fight to save the Minden Emergency Department continues. Minden Hills Council continues to look for a solution and denounces the decision made by CEO Carolyn Plummer and the HHHS Board to permanently close as of June 1st, 2023.

Minden Hills Council met with the HHHS CEO and Chair of the Board on April 27th, 2023 and were informed that the decision to close was made by the Board of Directors upon the advice provided to them by the Executive Leadership of HHHS.

Our objective is to work with HHHS and all of the stakeholders to pursue a long-term solution. However, we repeat our appeal for

a moratorium on the June 1st closure date. Although that request was denied at the April 27th meeting, Council maintains that this date is unreasonable and imprudent.

Minden Hills Council acknowledges the effort and outpouring of support from the community and appreciates all that has been done to engage everybody in a peaceful and respectful way.

There will be no stone left unturned as we work together to save the Minden ER.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 11 – Regular Council Meeting
May 25 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, will be on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery May 4 – July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

The season opening of the Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place will take place on Saturday, May 20th from 10 am – 4 pm at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Join us for village tours, hands-on activities and demonstrations. Browning Reptiles will be here with a special exotic animal display from 1-3 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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information.



AH considers speed survey on township roads

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A North Shore Road resident has lobbied Algonquin Highlands to take a hard look at speeding motorists in his neighbourhood.

Paul MacInnes wrote a letter to township council that was discussed during the May 4 meeting. On behalf of North Shore Road residents, he asked that council support an effort to have Haliburton County place an electronic speed sign on the road for two weeks.

But municipal staff was way ahead of North Shore Road residents, and have already been preparing to look into the issue. Public Works requested as part of the 2023 municipal operating and capital budget that a speed survey be undertaken on all the municipality's roads.

In his letter dated April 25, MacInnes said a resident along the thoroughfare has volunteered his property as a location for the elec-

tronic speed sign.

"As you know, we have a safety issue with the speed that vehicles travel along the road from Hwy 35 to St. Peter's Road," MacInnes said. "We have tried to deal with the issue by putting up the CAA slow down signs."

"We drove to Peterborough to pick up 30 signs which were stolen within a few days of being put up."

He said the theft was reported to the Ontario Provincial Police and the signs were replaced.

Those replacement signs were also stolen. "We are going to get more signs and this time take them in each evening, hopefully preventing the theft," he said.

Adam Thorn, the township's public works manager, disputed MacInnes' assertion of safety issues on the road. He said there has not been any "significant" accidents brought forward to his attention as the road authority.

"Nothing has been documented in the sense of a safety, collision incident," he said.



Bonnie Roe and Lee McLean prepare to cast their vote against the privatization of healthcare. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Local group takes a stand on privatization

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition hosted a privatization referendum press conference on May 4 at the Minden Hospital. The intention of the conference was to kickstart the voting process for the upcoming referendum, and answer any questions folks may have.

"May is all about getting the message out," said Bonnie Roe, one of the organizers of the coalition, noting that online voting started on May 2.

Voting stations have been dispersed at 29 businesses across the county, and all ballots ask one simple question: "Do you want your public hospital services to be privatized to for profit hospitals and clinics?" with options to highlight "yes" or "no" on the ballot.

While online voting has commenced at www.publichospitalvote.ca, Roe emphasized the importance of going into local businesses to vote. "If we're in the streets, it shows we're out there," she said.

At the press conference held on May 4, Roe highlighted a series of concerns that have stemmed from recent provincial government

initiatives. These included the points that Ontario spends the lowest amount of money on health care out of any province, and that the provincial government continues to deny the request to withdraw Bill-124, which caps nurses wages.

"Privatization will destroy our public, local health care system," said Roe.

She highlighted that the purpose of the referendum is to give the citizens of Ontario a chance to speak out about their opinions on the matter. With the recent announcement of the closure of the Minden ER, this issue is starting to become relevant at a local level, she said.

Roe noted that she is pleased with the level of support that has been shown from local businesses, as well as volunteers who have helped with signage and getting the word out. With the official in-person voting taking place on May 26 and 27, she hopes to take all the ballot boxes to Queen's Park in Toronto shortly after, to show Ontario Premier Doug Ford what the community has to say about privatizing healthcare.

"This is no longer a slippery slope," said Roe, "this is a total collapse of the system."

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High tea at Abbey Gardens

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

The Mother's Day Tea at Abbey Gardens will be returning for a second year on Saturday, May 13. "We are very excited that there was enough interest in bringing back the Tea this year again," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations at Abbey Gardens. "Hopefully we will have some returning guests, as well as some new faces."

Running from 1 until 3 in the afternoon, the outdoor event is held in the heart of the gardens at the facility. The tea is served underneath a large tent, so that weather is not an area of concern. "The props for this event are some of my favourite of the whole year," said McAllister. "There are dozens of beautiful teapots, tiered serving trays, and of course, lots of flowers. We can't do Mother's Day without flowers," she laughed.

There will also be food served at the event, which is prepared in the Food Hub onsite at Abbey Gardens. McAllister noted that dietary



restrictions can be accommodated if they are shared ahead of time. Live music, loose leaf teas, a photobooth, and a take-home gift are all features that will make the day memorable for any mother figures.

Registration is required in advance, so visit www.abbeygardens.ca to reserve a seat.



Speaking up for Minden

One of the Minden Matters organizers, Patrick Porzuczek, stands with his daughter, Kinsley, to share with the crowd his reasoning behind the fight to keep the ER open in Minden. Hundreds attended the Minden Matters rally on May 6 at the Minden Fairgrounds to discuss the ER closure, and to encourage HHHS to reconsider. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



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A better world

“**C**OURAGE, my friends;
‘tis not too late to build
a better world.”

That is a quote by the late and great Tommy Douglas, the Premier of Saskatchewan, and the first official leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP) in 1961.

Douglas has a series of schools, books, and artistic portrayals in his name across the country. In 2004, he was crowned “The Greatest Canadian” with over a million votes, beating out some other hometown heroes, such as Wayne Gretzky, David Suzuki, Alexander Graham Bell, and Terry Fox.

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Tommy Douglas changed the narrative of healthcare not only across Canada, but around the world. He erased the lines between the “haves” and the “have-nots”, and defined healthcare not as a privilege, but as a basic human right.

As we have seen in recent weeks, the hospital debacle has continued to roll out. “There will be no stone left unturned as we work together to save the Minden ER,” said Mayor Bob Carter in a press release to the community. I met “Save the Minden ER” organizer Patrick Porzukek for coffee this week at Molly’s. “Will you ever slow down?” I asked. He answered with one word: “Never.”

Perhaps it’s an uphill battle, but sometimes, that’s what it takes.

As the war wages on, it is important to note the circling motives that fester on political agendas at staggered

levels. I am not pointing fingers to anyone other than Doug Ford. His area of focus has been blurred since he stepped into the role of Premier for Ontario. Let us be reminded of this come election time. Let us also recall that we saw the lowest voter turnout in history the last time his name was on the ballot. Your voice matters.

The trickle down effect of Ford’s actions are now impacting us in Minden.

The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition is currently pushing out their referendum to denounce Ford’s privatization of healthcare; a concept Tommy Douglas did away with decades ago.

Haliburton County has long been known as a “blue” riding, with Conservative representation for at least as long as I have been around. Certainly longer.

I remember being so excited when I turned 18, as I knew that I finally had a chance to vote. To voice my opinion. To impact change.

But sometimes, when things are the way they

are for so long, it’s impossible to shake them up. Every election, I vote, and every election, we turn blue once again. Are they lost votes? What’s the point of voting if we know it will never change?

Because it’s never too late to build a better world.

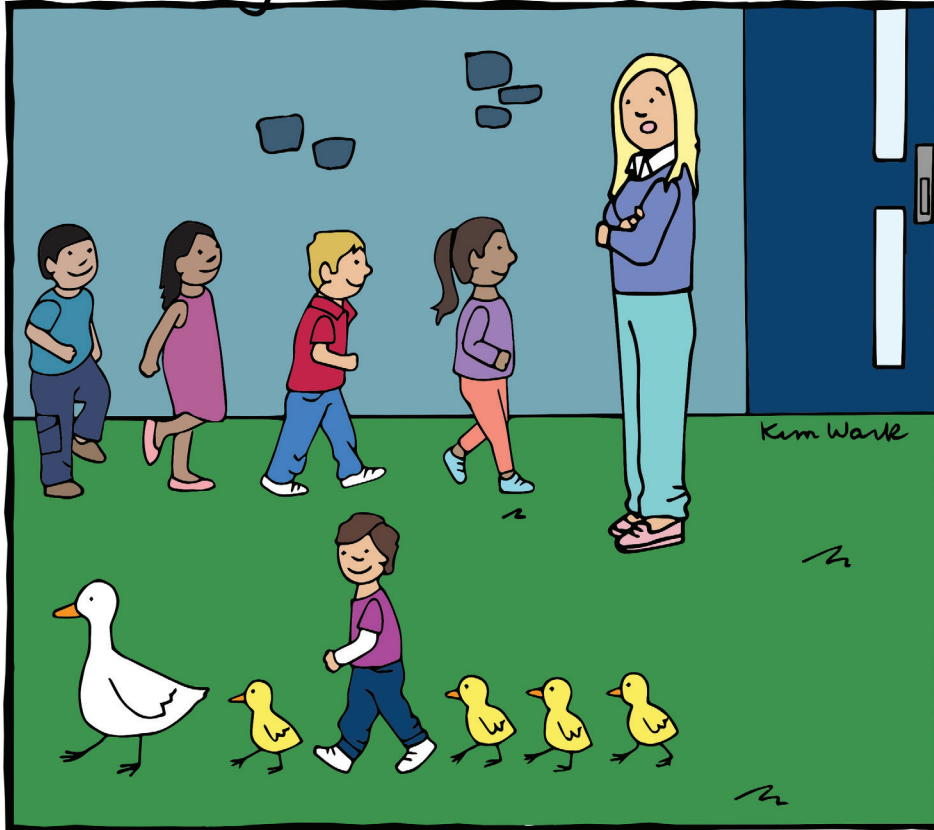
As we fight these fights, as we stand up for what we believe in; instead of fighting against those who have wronged us, have the courage to support those in our corner; those who dare to dream, and believe in a world where everyone matters. There is strength in numbers.

So next time we are called to vote, next time we are asked to raise our voices, I challenge you to scream from the rooftops, and make a change, together.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



“Eddie, wrong line!”

Turkey calling

A LOT OF people will tell you that turkey hunting is all about the calling. And most turkey hunters would agree with that too.

The confusion lies in the kind of calling we are referring to.

You see, most folks naturally presume that when you say someone is a good turkey caller you are referring to the way that person can use a box, slate, or mouth call to yelp, cluck, purr or otherwise imitate a bird. That is not the case at all.

What we are referring to is the turkey hunters who call us on the phone – for those are the turkey callers that affect us most. In fact, once turkey season starts, you never know what you are going to get when the phone rings.

Sometimes it is a good turkey caller. Sometimes it is a bad turkey caller.

The good callers are easy to identify. They will tell you about accessible spots open to everyone where they are seeing lots of turkeys. They are rooting for your success. They might even invite you to hunt that spot with them. They’ll be encouraging, and say things like, “I haven’t got one yet either, but the best part of the season is still to come.”

They are a pleasure to commiserate with. A superb turkey caller – and they are rare – will often say something like, “Can I bother you for a bit of advice? I only ask because you are the best turkey hunter I know.”

A bad turkey caller, on the other hand, will only call you and everyone else to brag about the multitude of birds he or she saw and passed up on, or ones they shot.

They will play coy about the location – or, if they divulge it, will point out that it is on private property, and they are the only hunter allowed to be on that property. Basically, they are calling you because they’re telling their story to everyone.

A really bad turkey caller will ask you if you have been successful, when they know full well that you haven’t yet been. Then they will provide you with the kind of advice that you would give to someone who is brand new at turkey hunting, just to add insult to injury. It can be painful.

No turkey hunter wants to hear this.

In short, a bad turkey caller makes you glad that you have call display and voicemail.

If you have a network of turkey hunting friends and acquaintances, you will probably eventually experience both. And you will soon learn a little about what makes good and bad calling. And hopefully, this will help you with your

turkey calling too.

The goal is for you to become a good turkey caller. That way people will actually pick up the phone and talk to you about turkey hunting.

Of course, it is not easy, and it take constant practice.

I am not a great caller, but I am constantly trying to improve. Heck, I even have moments of brilliance these days.

For instance, yesterday, I called a turkey hunting friend and he actually picked up the phone.

“Hey. What’s up?” he said.

I replied, “Can I bother you for a bit of advice? I only ask because you are the best turkey hunter I know...”



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

What's in store this summer?

SO HERE COMES the heat. And, the heavy rains, big thunderstorms and the wild winds that accompany them. That's what the professional forecasters are telling us. Their climate models suggest that the world average temperature could reach a record high this year.

Last year was the world's fifth warmest year on record, they say, and this summer could see even hotter temperatures.

That might seem like good news to Ontarians who have just been through the gloomiest several months in more than 80 years. Clouded skies, rain, sleet and snow were the main weather features most days from December through April.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

Now the world weather pattern is changing from La Niña to El Niño, the naturally occurring phenomena that cool or warm the central Pacific Ocean surfaces. La Niña is a cooling phase, and El Niño is a warming phase.

Both develop over the tropical Pacific Ocean region, altering weather patterns in various parts of the world. El Niño could dramatically impact Canadian weather this summer, depending on when it fully

develops.

If El Niño fully matures within the next three months Canada could see a cooler-than-normal summer, some climatologists say. However, if it takes hold later we'll see hotter temperatures and more rainfall in the back half of this year, and into 2024.

It already has a good start. By the end of March surface waters of the tropical Pacific had reached an average 21 Celsius for the first time on record. The temperature reached 21.1C in the first five days of April, surpassing the previous record of 20.0C set in March 2016.

El Niño occurs every two to seven years. The most recent ones were in 2018-2019 and 2014-2016. That latter resulted in 2016 being recorded as the world's hottest year on record. "If El Niño does develop, there is a good chance 2023 will be even hotter than 2016 ..." British climatologist Friederike Otto told the media recently.

The climate forecasters are uncertain about when El Niño will appear and therefore exactly what it will have in store for us.

One month ago the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a watch saying El Niño likely will develop over the next six months. It is expected to release an update within the next day or two.

Whatever El Niño has planned for us this year and next there is no question that our world is getting hotter. The world's average global temperature now is 1.2C higher than in pre-industrial times.

Last year Europe experienced its hottest summer on record, while climate change-fuelled extreme rain caused disastrous flooding in Pakistan, and in February, Antarctic sea ice levels hit a record low.

According to The Farmers' Almanac, last summer was the third warmest in Canada's history. The summers of 2021 and 1998 were hotter. And, last year's heat stayed around longer, giving us an unusually warm autumn and milder than usual winter.

The Farmers' Almanac is predicting a sizzling summer with daily highs in the 30s Celsius and "feels like" temperatures of 40C when factoring in heavy humidity. It also is predicting bouts of showery weather and thunderstorms with heavy precipitation.

The average July daily high for the Haliburton region is 19.7C or 67.5 Fahrenheit. The most rain comes in June with an average of 105 millimeters, or 4.1 inches, for the month.

For those who might be wondering, there are two farmers' almanacs. One is The Old Farmer's Almanac established in 1792 and The Farmers' Almanac established in 1818. Both make weather predictions a year or more in advance and both claim accuracy rates of 80-plus per cent.

We'll have to wait to see how accurate the NOAA and various almanac predictions are for the summer ahead. Whatever we get will be better than the sunlight deprived days of the last few months. Any significant amount of sun would be much appreciated.

So far, May gives us a glimmer of hope. This past week has been a sunny one with daytime temperatures in the Celsius teens and low 20s.

The bugs certainly are enjoying it.

letters to the editor

Minden ER closure

To the Editor,

As past chairs, who have helped guide the development of Haliburton Highlands Health Services since its inception, we strongly disagree with the announcement by the corporation regarding the closure of the Minden Emergency Department.

The action is unconscionable in so many ways and flies in the face of more than two decades of responsible health care developed by the corporation. There are many valid reasons offered in opposition to this decision. The response from the citizens through letters, petitions, signs and demonstrations provide ample indications of the community's support for the continuation of the emergency service in Minden.

After careful investigation and consideration, we offer these observations:

- This decision was taken with a complete lack of transparency. When planning for HHHS was begun over 25 years ago many health delivery scenarios were considered for the county. These discussions, sometimes passionate and often heated, took place at public meetings with extensive coverage in the local press. The community was involved, and when decisions were finalized, while not everyone was content with the outcome, the community moved on. At the time Minden hospital "gave up" its argument to retain in-patient beds, in exchange for the commitment to maintain the full time, fully-funded emergency service and a range of community programs be located in the upper level of the renovated Hyland Crest. The current decision "betrays" this understanding and resurrects community division which we thought had been resolved. This current decision to close the Minden emergency came without consultation with the Minden service area communities most impacted by the action, hence the reaction.

- The timeline for implementation is unreasonably short. Six weeks provides little or no time for careful planning or reasoned community input, resulting in the response referenced above. We can't help but wonder, was this decision deliberately and secretly taken in the hope that, combined with short notice, it would just slide

through? The decision has already disrupted the smooth operation of the Minden site. Emergency room doctors and staff have begun looking for other places to work after June 1 even though a full roster of medical professionals through September is in place.

- There is no plan. Other than vague descriptions of amalgamation of services in one locale, there is a disheartening lack of foresight being offered to support the decision. Health care has many complex activities that must be considered when making major changes like the one being proposed. Where is the plan? Consultation after fact is not in fact consultation.

- What about the professional staff? The biggest portion of the health care budget is dedicated to individuals with specialized training. We are aware that there are staffing shortages that complicate the task at hand. We are also aware that, for the most part the Minden Emergency Department had been able to maintain the level of staffing to deliver services through recent years when the pandemic put maximum stress on the system. Why is this successful service being discontinued when it has demonstrated its resiliency and dedication to providing health care to the community?

These are just some of our concerns. There are many others being addressed by medical staff, politicians and the community at large.

We recommend the HHHS board act immediately to deal with this crisis.

Cancel the permanent closure of the Minden Emergency.

Strengthen the delivery of health care for the Highlands, particularly emergency care.

Focus on the partially completed master plan and get it done.

Encourage the involvement of the citizens, municipal, provincial and federal governments and the participation of the Ontario Health Team in the development of a robust system that meets the needs of all of the community HHHS was created to serve.

Respectfully,

Jeanne Anthon, Dave Bonham, Jack Brezina, Paul Heffer and Hugh Nichol

To The Editor,

HHHS what have you done? Are you aware of the impossible situation you have put our county's health care in? You are closing our Minden Hospital on June 1. I understand we will then lose all our wonderful, dedicated, highly skilled, ER doctors. Possibly we will lose nurses also. Over our busiest season you are expecting Haliburton Hospital to cope with double the workload and way fewer doctors not to mention

less beds, space and parking.

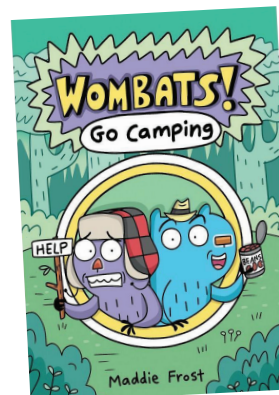
If your aim is to close both hospitals you are bound to succeed. Right now we are posting signs that say Minden Matters. We will need new signs come June that say Help Haliburton

This season please come and visit the one ER our county will be trying to keep open and see for yourself the chaos you have created.

**Jan Heaven
Minden**

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HCPL's Book of the Week



Albert and Pickles are best friends and complete opposites. They also happen to be wombats! In this charming graphic novel, children aged six to nine will laugh and groan as these two besties discover that they have very different ideas of what camping should look like. When Pickles finds out that camping does not include a jacuzzi under the stars, a luxury cabin, and five-course meals, he realizes he's going to have to find a way to cope. Luckily Albert is there to assist in pitching a tent, cooking their food, and scaring away the bugs. When the two discover a lost baby koala, the camping trip turns into an exciting quest to reunite the baby with its mama.

Wombats! Go Camping by Maddie Frost is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

letters to the editor

Minden ER closure

To the Editor,

When my wife and I were deciding where to retire we chose Minden mainly because the hospital was available. This decision proved wise when a few years later my wife had a pulmonary embolism (Blood clot in the lung). Dr. Fielder saved her life because we got her to the emerg quickly. She would have died if we had had to go to Haliburton.

It disturbs me that the current discussion surrounding the Minden hospital assumes there are only 2 options: ie keep it open 24 -7 or close it altogether. This is non-sense - there are infinite other options.

One option is to have a doctor available when the

demand is highest. The rest of the time a nurse or paramedic would be in charge. That person would check the patient's vitals and if a transfer by ambulance or helicopter is not called for the patient would talk to a nurse, regular doctor or specialist using a laptop computer. Dr. Hughes uses this method and it seems to work.

To Laurie Scott: As Mindens representative at Queens Park, please ensure that all alternatives other than full closure are fully explored. For your constituents this matter is vitally important.

Bill Wood
Minden

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter as a former staff member of HHHS and a citizen of The County of Haliburton Highlands, and of Minden Hills. It goes without saying I am shocked and dismayed at the decision to permanently close the Minden Emergency Department and essentially close the Minden Hospital. Minden has a very long history of having emergent services when the little building on Bobcaygeon Road was established as a Red Cross Outpost. So many people used that service, including my family, and I started a group that raised money for the helipad after the tragic death of Sandy Bannon. Then the services moved to the new expanded Hyland Crest building, and we were told this would be the start of new efficient emergency services for the community, and it was and has been. Since then countless families have used this facility and together with the emergency services of Haliburton, we have managed to do an excellent job and have saved many lives.

To Carolyn Plummer, I am afraid, because of your decision, and as CEO and President of HHHS this is on you, many people now will lose their lives or at the very least, not get the care in the sufficient time needed to address their issues. You and the board will be responsible for these lives. You know as well as all the citizens of Haliburton County, there is no way possible Haliburton Emergency will be able to handle the extra overflow. And to top this off, you and the board have done nothing to expand Haliburton's services and staff to accommodate this extra influx. There isn't even enough parking for people! And now you are calling on all of us to open our pockets and purchase a CT scan?

Please explain to me why other emergency departments closed on and off yet have not closed their doors. Example, Carleton Place Memorial Hospital closed on and off due to staffing and yet they are now expanding their emergency department. Why have you ignored the many applications of nurses wanting work, who al-

ready live in this area?

If the true agenda, which is my and others belief, that you want one hospital in the county and you have chosen Haliburton, then build a proper hospital, put in the services needed to accommodate the whole area, but leave at least an emergency department in Minden to help filter the cases to the larger hospitals needed for the care beyond what can be done at either site.

I can tell you now, Ms Plummer, you have lost all credibility here in Minden and in the County. Our politicians who supported this, especially Laurie Scott, will not have the support next time the elections roll around. Premier Ford also will take a hit downward as the petitions that are circulating are going far beyond our county borders as they are going province wide. Bracebridge and Huntsville, both are getting new or expanded hospitals, what do we get, a closed emergency department and a mediocre hospital in Haliburton.

The staff at both facilities, doctors, nurses, PSWs, and support staff, all have done and continue to do an excellent job of it and should be commended for their excellent care. Now the stress of this decision will be on them, it is on us, the citizens of Minden and area, and the future of any new business developments and people wanting to move into the area, or even stay, is now in jeopardy. You have taken away our basic care, gone in one decision without any discussion with our elected officials or anyone, all behind closed doors.

I ask that you and the board listen to the people you are supposed to be caring for, and to those experts who have offered their expertise in helping to come up with a solution.

Carolyn Plummer, I add my plea to many others who have also sent you letters. I am hoping they are read and considered.

Mrs. Lee Turner-Doucett
Minden

To the Minden Community,

As physicians of the Minden emergency department, we would like to express our sincere appreciation and support to the wonderful community we have had the privilege of serving for the past 28 years. It has been an honour to provide emergency medical care to you, our adopted neighbours, friends, and community members during some of your most vulnerable moments.

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that the decision to close the Minden ED was not ours to make. Despite our best efforts and unwavering commitment to the community, circumstances beyond our control have led to this challenging decision by Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Our group was informed of this decision a few hours prior to the public media releases on April 20, 2023.

This emergency department has been a strong and steady presence in many emergency physicians' careers. The physicians of the Minden ED feel a special attachment to the staff and community. Since the news became public, we have heard from past physicians who have reached out to us to convey their appreciation to your community for the time they were able to serve and provide emergency medical services here.

In 1995, when Dr. David Fiddler heard that the ED was potentially closing due to a shortage of physicians, he recruited his brother Dr. Doug Fiddler to find other emergency physicians from community hospitals to support the Minden ED. The plan was to keep it open for three months while the community found more physicians. That was 27 years ago. The brothers, as many have come to know them, were mainstays in the ED and the community knew them well.

Over time, emergency physicians were selectively recruited to work here. At one point, there were four heads of emergency medicine working in the Minden ER. We took pride in knowing we were able to provide continuous physician coverage, without any gaps, over these years. Support from Health Force Ontario was not required until April 2023. Health Force Ontario is

a government-funded job board to help get physicians where they are needed in Ontario. These physicians typically have a base hospital they work at and provide coverage to community and rural hospitals at an ad hoc basis.

Prior to the closure being announced, our group had coverage until September 2023, with small support required from Health Force Ontario. In the fall, there were physicians who were expected to fill these gaps, bringing us back to full coverage. We have Dr. Bruno Helt to thank, who has recruited and maintained the emergency physician group for the past decade.

Please know we have always been deeply committed to ensuring the highest standard of emergency medical care to the community. As HHHS staffing shortages evolved over the past two years, the Minden physician group became involved in service reduction discussions in November of 2021. We offered our support to various reduction options that involved partial ED closure scenarios, but we were clear that we could not support a full closure scenario for one of the EDs. The Minden ED physicians knew it would be the end of our ability to provide the highest standard of care to you. Over the years, increasing ED volumes have made these shifts more challenging, however a twenty-four-hour shift was still feasible to do so and provided a balance that made the long drive from our home bases acceptable. We told the HHHS Executive and Board in February 2022 we could not provide physician coverage if one of the EDs were going to close, and it is still the case today.

We will continue to work in our home sites and may see you at one of these locations in the future. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this wonderful community. Over nearly three decades, it's been our privilege to serve you. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us, for allowing us to serve you, learn from you, and for the memories that will sustain us for years to come.

On behalf of the
Minden Physician Group,
Dennis Fiddler, DO, CCFP (EM)

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To the Editor,

I am writing you this letter with my concern about the closure of Minden ER .

I live in Norland on Shadow Lake. My husband and I are retired and enjoying our retirement.

The 2nd year of my retirement almost came to an end. I was hit riding my bike by a distracted driver driving a company van with his side mirror. He was driving 90km in a 60km area. He didn't realize he hit me until his dangling mirror hit my husband after he hit me.

Both my lungs were punctured with multiple ribs broken in several places, scapula shattered and internal organs were in jeopardy as well as head trauma even having my helmet on.

I was not breathing! I was transported to Minden hospital and was tabulated and prepped to fly to Sunnybrook trauma hospital. Thank you to all the nurses and doctors at Minden ER.

If Minden ER was not open, I would not be here to tell you my story. Minden is only 23 km from Norland. Lindsey is 45 min as well as Haliburton.

There are going to be a lot of lives lost if you close Minden ER

Please help me spread the word about the impact it will be if they close the Minden ER

Thank you.

Meribeth Barron
Norland

Dimensions opens it's doors

All are welcome to celebrate the official opening of Dimensions Algonquin Highlands

With a community open house and guided tours of the site. Join us on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 with tours

starting at 2:45 p.m. until 4 p.m.

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Hands off those books

JUDY BLUME at age 85 is having a much-deserved moment in the sun. The new documentary *Judy Blume Forever* is available on Prime TV, and a movie *Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret* was released in April. There are interviews all over the place!

Judy Blume has written more than 25 novels which have sold 82 million copies in 32 languages. Prodigious, by any comparison! At age 80, having hung up her pen, she opened a bookstore. Courageous, at any age!

She has two claims to fame: one is that she communicated across the generational gap, the second is that her books have attracted censorship. They are connected. In this 'woke' era, there is an escalating battle for the minds of the young.

Blume's YA books (her work created the genre of Young Adult fiction) tackled forbidden topics like menstruation, masturbation, losing virginity, bullying, death, divorce, sibling rivalry – in short, everything that parents are likely to be squeamish talking about. And everything young people need to figure out as they survive childhood and make the transition to adulthood. Her books allowed children to have private, in-depth conversations with a trusted adult about things that mattered.

Judy Blume says she wrote a) to escape the small world of at-home housewife and mother – she started writing as soon as her two kids got into nursery school -- and b) to talk about the things her mother did not talk about with her, although she was a good mother who encouraged Judy to read

whatever she wanted. (Instruction by the written word seemed to have all-family support; in an interview with *New York Times*, Judy Blume says 'My brother gave me a copy of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* just before I left for my honeymoon in 1959. The marriage didn't last but the honeymoon was memorable.')



FAY MARTIN
Poke, Peel, Pair, Ponder

You can see how Judy Blume came to see books as the way around the constrictions of inter-generational discussion of difficult topics. The current challenge in communication may not be prudishness (although maybe), but rather a rising tendency to censorship, imposing the will of the powerful, or those who would wish to be in control of others, over the vulnerable. And certainly

in the internet age our youth are vulnerable to misinformation that arguably is crippling. At the same time as we seem paralyzed about disciplining the behemoth corporations that are gobbling up public discourse, books are coming under fire.

I understand this: there is a permanence about books that render them visible and therefore a potential target for those who would control what feeds our minds. Books are accountable for themselves in a way that an ephemeral presence on the internet can never be. The internet may never forget, but it can certainly hide.

There is a push in the USA to take over boards of schools and libraries in order to control what books become available – they say to protect vulnerable children, but I think that is the thin edge of the wedge. Censorship is a sword that beheads broadly,

respectful of no one but the person/s who wields it. The Canadian manifestation seems to be push back about Drag Queen Story time.

We should not be complacent, however. I understand there was an unusually robust competition for the citizen roles in our local library board. I don't know if eager applicants wanted to protect what we have and/or grow it, or to impose their literary opinions. But even if we're safe locally (which I think and hope we are), there is the power of the provincial purse at play. Doug Ford, as a Toronto City councillor during his brother's chaotic reign as mayor, tried (unsuccessfully) to close a significant number of libraries. He was proud to say he would close libraries in his ward 'absolutely...in a heartbeat'. He was also happy to not know who Margaret

Atwood was and not deign to talk to her unless she ran in the next election and got elected. A dangerously ignorant man when he has power.

And true to form, he slashed the Ontario Library Services budget by 50 per cent as soon as he became Premier. With trademark duplicity, he said library funding was untouched – because they are funded by the municipality -- but the service that was lost supported the interlibrary loans. A harsh blow that reduced access to books by small and rural libraries.

We may be in no immediate danger of book burnings, but we need to be vigilant. Each of us needs to find the Judy Blume within us who loves books and believes that they are an essential artery in the circulatory system that binds the generations together.



Ready to read

Places for People held their "Biggest Book Sale Ever" on Saturday, May 6 at the Fish Hatchery. This fundraiser was made possible by Paul Stone, who was an "eclectic builder of homes and community, a connector of ideas and people, and a collector who cared deeply for the environment." The event raised over \$2300 for affordable housing in the area. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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Time to reform a new mindset

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

There’s more than one way to workout. In this day and age of social media, viewers are inundated with varying degrees of workouts, with some labeled as “bad” and others as “good”. It’s almost impossible to know where to start.

It’s this insecurity, this doubt, this uncertainty, that Sarah Comer is trying to help with. “I believe that we should lean into the idea of working out for how it makes us feel, more than for how it makes us look,” she told the *Times*.

It is with this mindset that the Minden resident and co-owner of the Wellness Hub wishes to mitigate some questions around her preferred workout tool: the Reformer.

The Reformer was invented by Joseph Pilates, the father of the original pilates movement. “Joseph Pilates is well known for his mat pilates repertoire, developed prior to his invention of the reformer,” said Comer. “The Pilates Reformer is among the most diverse workout equipment in the industry, with over 150 exercises in Joseph Pilates Repertoire alone.”

Pilates really started to gain popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people were looking for exercises they could do at home with little to no equipment. The whole concept of Pilates is a mind-body connection that improves strength, alignment, and breathing.

Comer shared that she first came across Pilates when she was working an administrative job at Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation in Minden. She describes herself as a lifelong “mover”, which was



Sarah Comer works with Shay Hutchings on the Reformer. Comer hopes to get across that this tool can be used by all ages to improve strength, flexibility, and overall health and wellness. /Danielle Meredith Photography

what made practice so desirable to her.

Through her explorations, she discovered the Reformer, which was primarily being used by physiotherapists as a tool for rehabilitation. “The reformer allows for strength building through resistance training and bodyweight exercises, as well as mobility training,” she said. “The Reformer helps us get into positions that would feel less accessible on the mat, allowing for a more comfortable, and sometimes deeper stretch.”

With this in mind, Comer set out to bring

Reformer sessions to Haliburton County. She believes the tool offers a level of accessibility to all ages and body types. “The Reformer allows for modification and progressions to meet all fitness levels,” she said. “I have seen clients as young as the age of 11, all the way up to 75.”

Comer shared that while the Reformer sessions are open to anyone, she has seen great benefits when working with clients who are postpartum, and are working on regaining core and pelvic floor strength, as well as

clients with injuries or chronic illnesses like Multiple Sclerosis (MS). “I have a client who has MS and the progression in their stability and muscle control has been amazing to watch,” she shared. “The machine inspires innovation and allows for the creation of new exercises of trained movement.”

With the Reformer being a fairly new tool, particularly in the Haliburton Highlands, Comer hopes that people are open-minded to the practice - particularly considering the benefits. “I think people can draw a new mindset around working out with the Reformer,” she said. “It inspires a mind-body connection, and requires you to slow down and use your muscles with control and intention.”

The main focus for Comer is the hope that anyone knows they can work out, despite any physical or mental challenges. “I believe working out should be functional, efficient and fun,” she said, “It should be just as much a physical experience as it is a mental experience.”

Comer noted that with the Reformer, there are opportunities for any type of workout, with modifications available along the way. She believes that modifications do not make any workout less than another, but rather, they allow individuals to get the most out of each exercise. “I believe we should meet our restrictions with curiosity, not shame,” she said.

The Reform Studio is one of 13 independent businesses that are housed at the Wellness Hub in Haliburton. Comer runs the Reform sessions, and is also the co-owner of the Hub, alongside Shay Hutchings. For more information on the Reformer, visit @the.reform.studio on Instagram.

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MHCC facility opening soon

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is pleased to announce that the Museum and Heritage Village and Nature’s Place will be open to the public for the season starting on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Museum & Heritage Village featuring the Sterling Bank, Bowron House, SS#9 Stanhope School House, the “Wee Kirk” Bethel Church and the Cookhouse are ready for tours. Hands-on activities and demonstrations will be offered throughout the Village.

Nature’s Place offers exciting and interactive environmental exhibits for the whole family. Climb up into the beaver lodge or investigate one of the many animal skulls on display. The Master Herpetologist from Browning Reptiles with their exotically educational display of 12 amazing animals will be visiting in the afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by artist Rob Niezen, will be available for viewing in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional folk songs from rural Ontario, reimagined in a contemporary context. The exhibit is on display in the Gallery from May 4 to July 1.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Our regular hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation (some exceptions apply).

For questions regarding this exhibit, please call the Community Services Department at 705-286-1260 x 542. For more information, visit the Township of Minden Hills website at <https://www.mindenhills.ca>

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Red Hawks a growing force in track and field

by KAREN GERVAIS
Special to the Times

A young and determined Red Hawks track team competed in their first formal meet Friday, May 5 at the Bruce Faulds Track Facility in Belleville. The meet was attended by approximately 885 athletes.

Erika Hoare led the team charge in the 2000m Steeplechase, her first time competing in this Open Girls event. Having run the 300m hurdles last year, Hoare was looking to bring together this skill, with her cross-country stamina and proved this was a winning combination. Hoare finished the race in 8:46.93, only two seconds behind the first-place finisher from Napanee. This will set a new Red Hawks record in this event, bettering Ella Stamp's run from last year. Erika also placed third in the Junior Girls 1500m later in the day, with a personal best of 5:23.57.

Novice Boy Evan Backus followed with a first-place finish in the Novice Boys Long Jump, capturing the title with a strong jump of 5.44m. In the 300m hurdles, Backus had a commanding lead, finishing the race a full six seconds ahead of the next competitor in a time of 47.19. Evan rounded out his events with a sixth place finish in the 1500m.

Brother Graham Backus also had three top eight finishes placing eighth in the Long Jump and 200m and seventh in the 400m. The brothers along with Ben McMahon and Josh Scheffee ran for a fourth place finish in the Novice Boys 4x100m Relay.

Scheffee also tried his hand at the 300m hurdles, finishing fifth in this event and made the top eight in the Novice Boys Triple Jump, his first time attempting this in competition.

McMahon made his mark in the Long Jump

pit with a third-place jump of 5.07m, leaving Hal High with three top eight finishes in a field of 27 Novice Boy jumpers.

Maddy Walker continued her teammates success in the jumping pits in the Novice Girls division, with a jump of 4.23m landing her in third in a huge field of 52 competitors. Maddy kept on leaping, finishing fifth in the Triple Jump, her first time attempting this event with a jump of 9.04m.

Novice Girl Lilly Casey finished third in her first high school 80m hurdle race with a competitive time of 15.96 and showed her speed with her 10th place finish in the 100m again in a huge field of 50 runners.

Walker, Casey and teammates Violet Humphries and Olivia Gruppe ran to a fourth-place finish in the Novice Girls 4x100m relay. Humphries also had strong runs in the 1500m and 800m, finishing seventh and eighth respectively in these events.

Jordanna Jennings threw to a third-place finish in the Novice Girls Javelin, landing a throw just under 20m at 19.99m. Jennings also ran a strong leg on the Senior Girls 4x100m relay team as well as the Open Girls 4x400m team.

Brechin Johnston finished seventh in Novice Boys javelin and ran a very competitive 800m.

In Junior Boys, Haiden Bird ran a personal best in the 800m, capturing the title with a time of 2:14.22. Bird also ran to a second-place finish in the 1500m with another personal best time of 4:46.13.

Senior Boy Stephen Howe brought in some strong performances in his first year competing in track as a grade 12 student. Howe finished fourth in the Long Jump and just missed the top eight with a ninth-place run in the 200m.



Maddy Walker leaps into the pit while competing in long jump. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

Senior Girl Liah Gallant brought her experience, speed and power back to the track, looking to build on her success from last year. Liah finished in fourth in the 100m with a time of 13.56 and also ran fourth in the 200m.

Gallant ran with Jordanna Jennings, Erika Hoare and Lily Manning for a fourth-place finish in the Open Girls 4x400m relay at the end of a very long day. Manning was also eighth in the Senior Girls 400m hurdles.

With so many young athletes new to the world of high school track and field, it was a

great learning day. The coaches were incredibly impressed with the outstanding effort, results and team support. Novice distance runners Grace Alder and Olivia Gruppe exemplified this as they challenged each other during the final stretches in both the 800m and 1500m, pushing each other to new personal bests in these events.

Athletes will look to make final choices in events this week as they prepare for Kawartha competition on Thursday, May 18.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. PLSRA2022048: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front 1018 Out of the Way Trail located within Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden.

You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than June 16, 2023.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcel listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than **June 16, 2023**.

The above noted application is available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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Mother's Day Food Bank Fill-Up

When: Saturday May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodlands
The Haliburton & District Lions Club will be collecting food bank donations at the Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodland locations. All donations will be distributed to the 4Cs and Wilberforce foodbanks. Visit haliburtonlions.com.

Walk for Dog Guides Fundraiser

When: Saturday May 20th, 8am - 1pm

Where: Haliburton PetValu

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Where: Haliburton Legion, Main Hall
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HHSS badminton doubles team clear their way to OFSAA

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Two Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students are fulfilling a four-year dream of heading to an Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) competition before they graduate.

Friends Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner competed together in badminton for the first time this year, and their strong connection on and off the court proved to aid in their success at the COSSA tournament on April 26 in Peterborough.

"I was so excited. This was our last chance at high school to go to OFSAA. I've always wanted to do it and always dreamed of it to just go once," Wilson said.

They joined the Red Hawks badminton team in Grade 9, but the season was cut short due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although they lost to a team for gold at COSSA, they made it to the second place/third place match.

"That one also went to three games. It was another really tough game. We were very evenly matched, and they wanted it just as much as we did," Wilson said.

The Grade 12 Hawks focused on each game in front of them as they made their way through the season, not wanting to get caught up in the potential of making it to OFSAA.

"Our focus was on communication on the court, and just having a positive attitude the whole time and being a team," Wilson said.

Horner added it wasn't until their very last game at COSSA that they began to think about OFSAA.

"We were just taking it game by game," Horner said.

To add to the challenge, the final team they played at COSSA to secure their spot had a different technique from anyone they had played before.

"We usually play front and back, but they were really good at placing [the birdie] far on the sides, so we switched to side to side to see if that would give us a better chance. It didn't work for us, so in the third set, we just decided to play how we knew how to play, do what we knew how to do, and that was how we won," Wilson said.

The win was made even more special with their families in the bleachers, cheering them on and being there to celebrate their success.

"It was nice to share that moment with them," Wilson said. "We'll have a nice big cheering section at OFSAA, too."

Wilson and Horner credited their coaches, Bob Schmidt, Mike Gaffney, and junior coach Jason Morissette with guiding them to success.

The doubles team will compete at OFSAA in Port Hope from May 11 to 13.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 Students Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner placed second at the COSSA badminton tournament, earning them a spot in the OFSAA tournament from May 11 to 13. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Answers on page 13



Handling snappers
The Turtle Guardians hosted a "Snapper Handler Workshop" on Thursday, May 4 at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. Residents learned some typical truths and myths about snapping turtles before learning how to properly handle the ancient creatures, earning a certificate upon completion of the workshop. / ADAM FRISK special to the Echo

The boys are back in town

The Huskies played a series of scrimmage games against one another, as well as training off the ice for stamina and strength. /TIM YANO special to the Times



While the 2023/2024 season has not been officially announced yet, the Huskies are training to preare for the season ahead.

Book Nook
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Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a Spring Book Nook Sale on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Minden Hills Public Library in the Fireplace area. We will have a variety of gently read books: thrillers, mysteries, romance, biographies, children and youth selections, Canadian Authors, fiction, cookbooks, gardening, science fiction/fantasy, sports, spiritual and other non-fiction books. Payment is by donation. All money raised by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library supports Library enhancements and programmes for all Libraries in Haliburton County.

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Committee Members Required

Council invites letters of interest from members of the public who are interested in serving on the Environment and Stewardship Committee and/or the Stanhope Airport Advisory Committee for the remaining term of Council.

Environment and Stewardship Committee

The Environment and Stewardship committee will provide input on the advancement of the Township's policies and initiatives that contain environmental components. The Committee will also propose new initiatives for Council's consideration in support of the Township's commitments to environmental protection.

Stanhope Airport Advisory Committee

The Stanhope Airport Advisory Committee Plan, organize and implement all aviation/social events to be held at the airport. The Committee will also make recommendations to Council regarding marketing the airport with relation to growth and development of all airport lands.

To view the Terms of Reference for the Environment and Stewardship Committee and Airport Committee please visit the website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Environment and Stewardship Committee and/or the Stanhope Airport Advisory Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than Friday June 2, 2023 to the attention of:

Dawn Newhook, Municipal Clerk
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Submit resume by email to Jay@camptimberlane.ca



Housekeeping/Maintenance Staff - Full time - Seasonal or Long term contracts available

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Regular day-to-day work can include, but is not limited to, cleaning, sweeping, mopping and sanitizing all camp

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Expected Start date: Spring 2023
Previous experience in maintenance, landscaping, or related field an asset. Candidates will be trained on-site and must enjoy working outside in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Candidates can expect to work approx 35-40 hours per week. Must be willing to complete all government related certifications, including WHMIS.

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Interested individuals are invited to email a cover letter and resume to:

Barb Smith-Morrison, Executive Director
barb@abbeyretreatcentre.ca **by May 19, 2023**



**Night Patrol
Onondaga Camp, Minden
seeks contract (May-June, September)
\$25/hr**

We are looking for a Night Patrol staff to supervise Camp during the evenings. Hours are from 10 pm – 6 am. Onondaga offers Night Patrol to outdoor education groups who require it when they have students on

site. A Clean Criminal Record Check is required. Responsibilities include supervision of site through routine patrol, supervision of clients, collection and logging of nightly occurrences, clear communication with staff, faculty, and students. The Night Patrol will identify any issues throughout the evening; immediately notify Onondaga Staff and Faculty to ensure the safety of students, staff and site.

**This is NOT a full time position
Shifts and weekly hours vary
NO ACCOMODATION PROVIDED**

To protect the health and safety of our clients and employees, we have modified our normal operating policies in response to COVID-19.

If you wish to apply, please send a resume to Matt Brown/Site Manager at matt@onondagacamp.com. Please feel free to contact at (705-286-5025)

A truly Canadian summer tradition, Onondaga Camp offers an extraordinary environment for kids to play, explore, achieve and grow. Situated on the shores of Middle Bob Lake near Minden, Ontario, Onondaga inspires the best in outdoor fun, learning and adventure for girls and boys from six to 16 years old. Onondaga Camp values the diversity of people. We welcome and encourage applications from people with disabilities. Arrangements will be provided, on request, to support candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. All responses will be handled with strict confidence.

Summer Reporter/Photographer

The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times are seeking a Summer Reporter/Photographer to join our award-winning newspapers in the heart of Ontario's cottage country.

Responsibilities will include:

- reporting on a variety of news stories, both planned and unexpected
- feature writing
- photography
- searching out story ideas

The successful candidate must have access to their own transportation.

Interested candidates should forward their resume with writing and photography samples to Editors, Vivian Collings or Emily Stonehouse by Friday, May 19, 2023

Vivian Collings vivian@haliburtonpress.com

or

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Minden Times

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**The Corporation of the County of Haliburton
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Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Shoreline Permit Administrator/By-law Compliance Officer is responsible for organizing and administering the shoreline permit system and ensuring compliance with relevant by-laws.

Successful applicants will possess two years of municipal experience with a minimum of one year in a related field and a valid driver's licence. Working knowledge of the Planning Act, Municipal Act, and provincial court proceedings, as well as completion of Provincial Offences or Municipal Offences Officer training an asset.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$30.58. This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended health benefits.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a more detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than May 30, 2023, at 4:30pm.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

570 NOTICES

**Car Wash and Bottle Drive May 13,
12:00 - 4:30 pm at the Wilberforce Fire Hall**

Bring your empties and get your car washed! A fundraising event for Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 8 graduates!



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The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust invites you to join us at our Annual General Meeting!

The meeting will be held using
Zoom on Monday, June 19th, 2023
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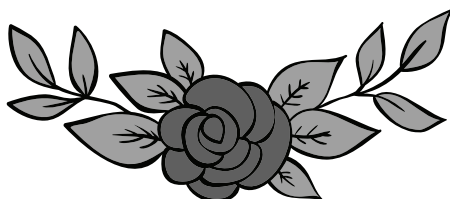
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650 OBITUARIES



*It is with great sadness and heavy hearts,
that we announce the passing of*
Joseph Hector “Hec” Arsenault

With the guidance and care of Andy’s House Hospice in Port Carling and his loving family at his side, he succumbed to a brief 7-week illness on April 22, 2023, just a few days shy of his 92nd birthday.

Family pride came through in Hector’s voice when he spoke of his 3 children; Paul (Anne) of Newcastle, Pat (Tom) of Minden, and Marilyn (Rob) of Bracebridge. He was extremely proud of his 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his two brothers, Monsignor Martin Arsenault of Chandler, Quebec and Father Paul Arsenault of Trois Rivieres, Quebec, predeceased by his oldest brother John Yves.

Born on May 1, 1931 to Catherine and Leopold Arsenault in Bonaventure Quebec, he moved to Ontario in 1950, where he met and married the love of his life, Corinne on August 1, 1953. They owned a cottage on Maple Lake for a few years, then purchased The Clansman Motel and Cottages on Hwy 35 in Carnarvon, which was a family-run business for many years. After selling The Clansman, they were both involved in the day-to-day operations of Staunworth Court in Minden, with Mom in the office and Dad taking care of the maintenance/handyman duties. They retired and purchased their retirement residence on Little Boshkung Lake, affectionately referred to as “Hec’s Haven at Lil Boshkung Estates”. They enjoyed a wonderful life together, full of love and memories for 63 years, before Mom’s passing in 2016.

Although gone from our day-to-day lives, he will most certainly be remembered in our thoughts and in our hearts, always.

Cremation has taken place, and as per his wishes, there will be no service. Donations to Andy’s House Hospice in Port Carling, ON would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Johnston, June Thelma (nee Wright)

Born and raised in Minden, Ontario, June passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on May 4th, 2023, having recently moved from her Cambridge residence at Riverbend Place into hospice care at Lisaard House. June’s family would like to offer their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the excellent care she received at both facilities.

Predeceased by her loving husband of 59 years, Edward Daley “Ted” Johnston, her father, Frederick Beatty Wright, her mother, Viola May Wright (nee Kent), and her sister, Eileen Zanatian (Charles), June leaves behind three children — Ray Edward (Tina), Ruth Thelma (Julie), and Randy James (Emilia) as well as grandchildren Erin Marie and Shane Frederick.

June and Ted had lived together in the same Scarborough home since the 1950s and watched their family grow with the neighbourhood. From the beginning, they had always considered themselves incredibly fortunate to have been surrounded by a multitude of wonderful, caring, and considerate neighbours from all walks of life and all corners of the globe. With Ted’s passing in 2014, it was thanks in large part to the love and support of neighbours like Hussein, Xena, Steve, Lily, Niall, Kathy, Frank, John, Scott and others that June was able to maintain her independence and remain in her home much longer than would otherwise have been possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family have asked that those wishing to remember June express their condolences by making an active effort to share their kindness and compassion with their own neighbours, whomever they may be.

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Born to bike

One day expect to see Minden's Kyle Fry representing Canada in the world mountain bike championships

See page 15



Pilot honoured

Clem Reng basks in a nation's praise for his heroics in World War II

See page 3

In Quotes

"It's unreasonable to expect that there will be no cases this summer."

Dr. Hukowich, page 5



LEN PIZZETTES

Lions pride

Minden's main street burst with colour on Saturday when Lions

from across the district started their weekend convention with a parade. It was the Minden club's turn to host the festivities. For more photos see page 14.

Assessment up, tax rate down in Minden Hills

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

Taxes are going to be higher in Minden Hills thanks to a 14.7 per cent increase in assessment values but the blow will be cushioned by a 2.3 per cent decrease in the general municipal residential tax rate and a 10 per cent decrease in the education tax rate.

The total tax rate then, including the county portion, will 4.4 per cent lower than last year's, which will still give the municipality \$632,364 more revenue in taxation. The total budget is \$11 million.

Reeve Ross Rigney says his goal was to continue to "grow the budget" while still giving a tax

see LAST YEAR'S page 2

John Latimer obituary

Hail to the Chief

by ERIN TENNANT
Times Staff

John Robert Latimer, a.k.a. "Chief", the loving spirit behind Minden's Kilcoo Camp and long-time campaigner for youth education, died of cancer on Tuesday at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital. He was 72.

He had been afflicted with the illness for three months.

Minden council held one minute's silence in his memory and passed a motion of condolence to Latimer's family on Thursday.

Born in 1930 to civil servant Larry Latimer and wife Zetta, John grew up in Toronto.

John's fondness and zeal for youth programs led him to belong to a string of camping associations and youth charities. His credits

see JOHN page 13

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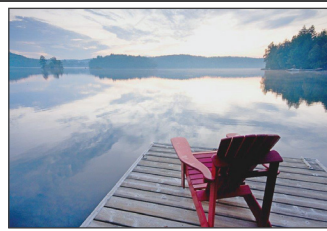
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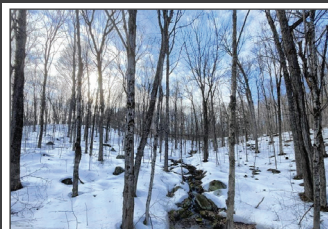
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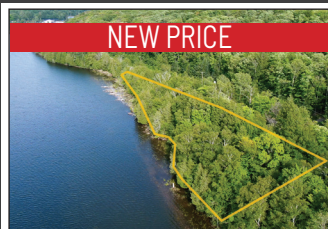
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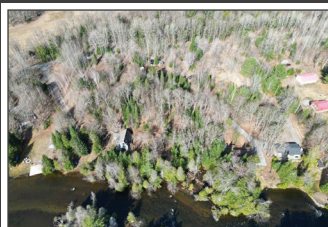
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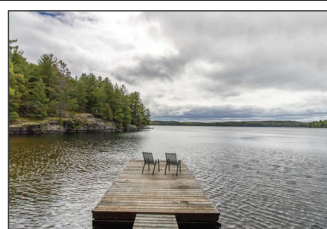
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